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Expansion of Airports
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to expand airports both domestic and international across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government also proposes to develop/expand
Rajahmundry airport by upgrading the status to international airport; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Dr Mahesh Sharma)

(a) & (b) : Upgradation/Expansion of Airports is a continuous process which is undertaken by Airports Authority of India (AAI) from time to time depending on the availability of land, commercial viability, traffic demand, technical feasibility etc.

(c) & (d): Expansion and upgradation of airports to international standards depends upon various factors including traffic potential, demand from airlines for operation of international flights as well as availability of requisite facilities like adequate runway length to cater to
medium capacity long-range aircraft or equivalent type of aircraft, scope for extension of runway as per future requirements, commercial viability, etc. At present, there is no proposal to declare Rajahmundry airport as international airport.